



Outdoor Adventure

The destination of Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown offer adventure seekers plenty of reasons to get [outdoors](#). Whether hiking scenic trails, biking unexpected paths, or exploring its waterways, Williamsburg has no shortage of outdoor activities.

For Walkers and Hikers

In Williamsburg, walkers and more experienced hikers can find ample trails to enjoy. At [Waller Mill Park](#), walkers explore a 3.7-mile paved trail with lake views and a 2.5-mile wooded path. There is also plenty to discover while walking through [Freedom Park](#), where multiple trails wind around historic relics and [Williamsburg Botanical Garden](#) offers 18 different habitats along the pathways. Hikers can head to Lookout Tower and take in its panoramic views of the woods and lake or trek the [Powhatan Creek Trail](#) on a 696-foot-long timber bridge and take in some of Virginia's most scenic vistas filled with ponds, wetlands, forests, and wildlife.

For Bikers

The region offers plenty of trailblazing adventures for bikers. [Colonial Parkway](#) links the three destinations with a beautiful 23-mile ride. In Williamsburg, cyclists on the Greensprings Interpretive Trail pedal its 3.5-mile loop, with markers along the way pinpointing environmental, historical, and area wildlife points of interests. For more adventurous mountain bikers, Williamsburg's [New Quarter Park](#) is a six mile, single-loop trail that shouldn't be missed. It follows the contours of a natural ravine before sliding into tight turns and climbing with elevated platforms and ramps. Multiple trails, ranging in distance and skill level, are also available at [York River State Park](#). Black Bear Run is excellent for beginners, with only slight elevations and obstacles. For the advanced rider, the Marl Ravine Trail twists and turns as it follows steep ravines cut into ancient shell deposits. Bikers on the [The Historic Jamestowne Bike Trail](#) take in views of Jamestown island, James River, the marshlands, and regenerating forests. Also in Jamestown, [The Virginia Capital Trail](#) is a 51.7-mile, fully paved trail running through four jurisdictions, with dozens of attractions along the way. In [Yorktown](#), visitors bike past quaint shops, beautiful river views, and a scenic beach. Several marked paths are also available to bicyclists on [Yorktown Battlefield](#), including the seven-mile Battlefield Tour and nine-mile Encampment Tour.

For Water Enthusiasts

Surrounded by the James, York, and Chickahominy Rivers, visitors can explore the region's shores. The water trails around Williamsburg are ideal for canoers, kayakers, and paddle boarders. Visitors can rent rowboats, canoes, and pedal boats at [Waller Mill Park](#), or kayaks and canoes from [Chickahominy Riverfront Park](#)'s facilities, while [Bay Country Kayaking](#) offers guided excursions.

Those looking to explore by boat can enjoy sightseeing cruises with [York River Charters](#), [Jamestown Discovery Boat Tours](#), and [Williamsburg Charter Sails](#).

Fishing for bass, perch, catfish, and other species is popular in the waters around Williamsburg. [Little Creek Reservoir Park](#) is a scenic spot overlooking a 996-acre reservoir. Freshwater and saltwater meet at [York River State Park](#), a marshy preserve with three different areas for anglers. And [Jamestown Beach Park](#) benefits from a newly restored beachfront, paddle-craft launch, and a designated fishing area.